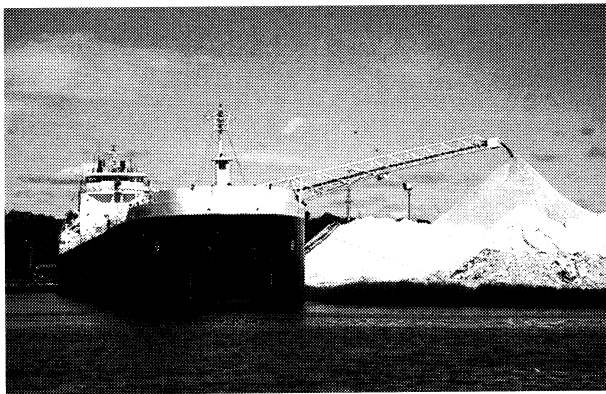


Great Lakes Region



U.S. Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration



Introduction

The Maritime Administration (MARAD), an Agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation, has primary federal responsibility of efficient water transportation service to American shippers and consumers.

Great Lakes Region

This 16 state territory includes the 8 surrounding "Lake" states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, plus 8 "Inland Waterway" states of Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Kentucky and West Virginia. These economically active Midwest states are heavily dependent on the efficient marine transport of bulk commodities.

Staff

Region personnel has a wealth of both industry and government work experience. The staff is divided into three strategic locations to better service the maritime community.

Region Headquarters

Centrally located within the Great Lakes area is the region office in Des Plaines, Illinois. It is responsible for carrying out MARAD's mission through the following Great Lakes and inland waterways programs:

- Port and waterway planning
- Intermodal Planning
- Ship finance and shipyard promotion
- Merchant vessel employment information
- Harbor dredging technical assistance
- Environmental regulation review
- Shipboard fire fighting training
- Liaison between private enterprise and government (local, state, and federal)
- Emergency maritime response planning.

Inland Waterways

St. Louis, Missouri, is base for our inland waterways office. This office acts as a critical information link for private industry and various governmental entities that have an interest in the country's vast inland transport system.

Fire Fighting School

The fire training provided by the Fire Training Center in Swanton, Ohio is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard to meet the requirements for merchant seamen in obtaining an original or upgrade of a Merchant Marine License. The five-day course includes both classroom indoctrination and field exercises involving actual fire fighting in five ship-like structures. At the satisfactory completion of the course, students will receive fire training certification by MARAD.

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